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3. [REDACTED] Mr. McAfee, State Department, telephoned stating that as a result of conversations between Secretary Rusk and the Director, they had received a copy of Mr. Houston's memorandum to the Director dealing with discrepancies in testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee. McAfee stated the Secretary now planned to personally return to the Committee to deal with these matters and had requested the answers to four specific questions concerning various aspects of aircraft available to Castro at the time of the Bay of Pigs. McAfee requested these answers on an urgent basis and he has been advised that we will furnish these tomorrow morning.

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4. [REDACTED] Talked with William Darden, staff of Senate Armed Services Committee, in connection with the memo delivered to him dated 24 January 1961 dealing with acquisition of property. Darden stated that at Chairman Russell's instructions, he had shown this memo to Chairman Hayden and Senator Bakunstall. Darden stated that none offered any objection. I informed Darden that based on our discussions with the General Accounting Office we will utilize the basic authority in P. L. 110 and current funds rather than the building authorization and funds appropriated under that authorization. I also requested Mr. Darden to inform the Chairman that we plan to move ahead on this and that we had discussed this with our House Appropriations Sub-committee and they offered no objection.

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5. [REDACTED] In the absence of Mr. Keller, GAO, talked with Mr. Ramsey concerning their view on our utilizing our building authorization and funds appropriated for it in order to acquire certain property. Ramsey replied that it was Mr. Keller's view that such authorization and funds should not be used on two grounds: (a) that at the time of the justification for the appropriations no funds were in fact requested or acquisition of land in the justification and (b) the purpose of acquiring the land is in fact a new requirement and not contemplated or justified at the time of the appropriation.

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6. [REDACTED] Tom Keena, in the office of Representative Daddario, inquired if the Agency had released any material on the Cuban situation indicating he was sure we hadn't but he was trying any way. I informed him that we had not, of course, and he seemed satisfied since he half expected this anyway.

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